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2. The Gdynia-Rapierow (N 55°E 45) airfield is located about 5 miles northwest of Gdynia (N 55°E 44). The field had been destroyed by the retreating German troops at the end of the war.

December 1946

2. About 450 German PWs and two hundred Polish civilian workers started the reconstruction of the field in December 1946. Their work was supervised by a Polish major who was occasionally supervised by a Soviet officer.

April 1947

3. Repairs on the two runways was completed by April 1947.

May 1947

A three-story barracks building, located on the eastern field border, was completed by May 1947 and was occupied by eight hundred to one thousand Polish and Soviet Air Force soldiers. At the same time 25 to 30 aircraft arrived. They were of unknown type and were marked with Soviet and Polish national insignias. They were parked in front of the hangars, which were still under construction. Frequent parachute jumps were observed in daytime. The aircrafts were refueled from tank trucks.

5. October 1947

A small building with a signal tower was completed at the eastern border of the landing field in October 1947. Three hangars were under construction.

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